

REMARKS

Restriction/Election

In the Office Action mailed August 4, 2005, the Examiner has subjected claims 1-26 to a restriction requirement. The Examiner has required election between claims 1-14 and 22-26 (Group I) and claims 15-21 (Group II).

Specifically, the Office Action states that the claims of Group I are directed to a lead having an electrode and a connector, and that the claims of Group II are directed to a method of manufacturing a lead body. The Office Action states that the inventions of Groups II and I are related as process of making and product made and that, because the process of making could be used to make a conductor of any length or application not necessarily having a connector and electrode on the proximal and distal ends, restriction is proper under M.P.E.P. § 806.05(f).

Applicant has amended claim 15 to recite “forming at least one connector proximate to the proximal end and at least one electrode proximate to distal end.” Accordingly, Applicant submits that Groups I and II are properly related as a process and related product. Also, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner cannot perform a search for the subject matter of Group I without necessarily reviewing substantially the same subject matter that would be reviewed for examination of Group II. However, Applicant elects the claims of Group I with traverse.

Conclusion

Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2380, under Order No. 03-001 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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